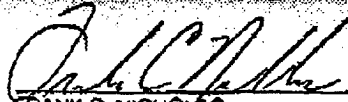


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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> |                        | Docket Number<br>NLD10047 (7790/276) |
| In re Application of: MICHEL M. J. DECRE, ET AL.            |                        |                                      |
| Application Number: 10/052,384                              | Filed JANUARY 18, 2002 |                                      |
| For METHOD OF PRODUCING A TRACK ON A SUBSTRATE              |                        |                                      |
| Group Art Unit: 1762  | Examiner: PARKER, F.   |                                      |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to a Non-Final Office Action dated May 12, 2003 in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))  | \$ 110.00   |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1713</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |             |

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